

# Chinook Salmon Redd Alert

Welcome to the Middle Fork Salmon River. The Middle Fork Salmon River is a premier whitewater river that attracts thousands of boaters each year and we want you to fully enjoy your experience. The Middle Fork Salmon River is unique in many ways; one being the threatened Chinook Salmon. The Middle Fork Salmon River drainage has one of the last remaining wild populations of Chinook Salmon. Chinook Salmon swim up from the Pacific Ocean traveling roughly 800 miles to get to the Middle Fork Salmon River, and spawn in the fall (August – September). They do this by building redds (spawning nest). When this occurs we ask that you please take measures to avoid disturbing the fish and their redds.



A fisheries biologist will identify these redds, flag them and let the checkers know the general location so all boaters are notified. The biologist will flag the redd 100 feet above the redd with orange flagging and 100 feet below the redd with pink flagging.

As a boater we ask that when you see the orange flagging, please move to the opposite side of the channel to avoid the redd as safely as possible. During this time please do not stand on your boat looking for the fish, as this can scare the fish away. An adult Chinook Salmon needs all its energy for building the redd. We also ask that you use as minimal oaring as possible. When you pass the pink flagging you can return to normal boating operations.

With your support we can continue to float the Middle Fork Salmon River for years to come, while sustaining the Chinook Salmon wild population.

Enjoy your Middle Fork Salmon River experience.